

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Accountability in Higher Education Act.

6 Section 5. Annual plans.

7 (a) Public universities in this State shall develop annual  
8 academic, financial, and enrollment plans that outline all of  
9 the following:

10 (1) Tuition and fee estimates.

11 (2) Enrollment projections.

12 (3) Retention policies and projections.

13 (4) A number of accountability measures, including  
14 meeting benchmarks related to accessibility and  
15 affordability developed in consultation with statewide  
16 organizations representing faculty and staff.

17 (b) These plans must be submitted to the Board of Higher  
18 Education no later than June 30th of each year and must be  
19 reviewed by the Board for recommendations to be made each year  
20 at one of the Board's regularly scheduled meetings.

21 Section 10. State policy objectives. Public universities  
22 in this State must commit themselves formally to meeting the

1 following State policy objectives, in conjunction with the  
2 goals set forth in the Illinois Public Agenda for College and  
3 Career Success:

4 (1) Providing access to higher education, including  
5 meeting enrollment demand.

6 (2) Providing a broad range of academic programs.

7 (3) Maintaining high academic standards.

8 (4) Improving student retention and progress toward  
9 timely graduation.

10 (5) Developing uniform articulation agreements with  
11 public community colleges.

12 (6) Stimulating economic development.

13 (7) If appropriate, increasing externally funded  
14 research and improving technology transfer.

15 (8) Actively working with grades kindergarten through  
16 12 to improve student achievement.

17 (9) Meeting financial and administrative management  
18 standards.

19 (10) Making enrollment affordable, regardless of  
20 income.

21 Section 15. Performance indicators. The Board of Higher  
22 Education shall be responsible for developing performance  
23 indicators to measure whether public universities in this State  
24 are meeting State policy objectives under Section 10 of this  
25 Act, in conjunction with the goals set forth in the Illinois

1 Public Agenda for College and Career Success.

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
3 becoming law.